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WU appoints new Chief Investment Officer

BY PUNEET KOLIPARA
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Chancellor Mark Wrighton recently announced that Washington University has appointed a new Chief Investment Officer, Kimberly Gayle Walker.

Walker, a Washington University alumna, comes to the University from Colorado, where she is president and chief investment officer of Qwest Asset Management Co., part of the Denver-based telecommunications giant Qwest Communications International, Inc.

At Qwest, Walker is responsible for \$14 billion in

retirement and pension funds and other financial assets for the company's approximately 39,000 employees.

"She has a demonstrated track record of achievement as an investment professional and manager," said Wrighton.

In her new role at the University, Walker will oversee the University's approximately \$4 billion in endowment assets and will be responsible for the



Kimberly Walker

endowment's growth through investment.

Walker will head a newly formed company, the Washington University Investment Management Company.

"Ms. Walker has the experience and knowledge to develop and lead the Washington University Management Company that will have the responsibility for managing the endowment of the University," said Wrighton.

The Board of Trustees formed the company after an assessment on how to better control the endowment. The company will collectively manage the endowment and at-

tempt to maximize its growth using an appropriate risk profile.

"As the endowment grows, more money can be spent for purposes specified by the donors, who made endowment gifts for purposes such as scholarships and professorships," said Wrighton.

A small board headed by John Biggs will oversee the company. Walker, as CEO, will report to this board, which in turn will report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, headed by David Kemper.

Her appointment is the latest in a string of high-profile

hires, including the recent recruitment of six professors to the Department of Economics. According to Wrighton, The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for designating the amount of money from the endowment that can be spent by the University's administration.

"Fulfilling the mission of the University requires many different people and talents, and we are striving to provide the very best setting for education and scholarships for students and faculty," said Wrighton, who did not comment on the new hires' salaries. "Building our quality and impact

requires talented people, and we are always mindful of the need to balance our quest to improve with our ability to pay for the improvements, whether those improvements are new facilities or new people."

Walker carries several years of experience in the financial sector. She spent thirteen years in financial positions at General Motors before joining Qwest in 1998. Her most recent position there was Director of Equity Strategy, which involved managing a \$21 billion public and private equity portfolio.

Additionally, Walker is a

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Matthew Shepard's mother speaks out on homophobia

BY SCOTT FABRICANT
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Washington University welcomes Judy Shepard, for a speech entitled "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard."



Judy Shepard

Judy Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered in 1998 in an anti-gay hate crime.

Shepard's speech is about the acceptance of all individuals, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation or religion. She will also discuss improving safety in schools and communities to protect diversity.

Pride Alliance, the student group responsible for bringing Shepard to campus, believes her message is an important

one for Washington University students to hear.

"Judy Shepard is a powerful advocate for diversity and acceptance in our communities. She is one of many individuals who represents the tragic pain caused by intolerance and hate, and we believe her experiences are some that a Washington University audience needs to hear. Her goal is simple and beautiful: a safe world for all who live in it," said junior Chris Kolb, treasurer of Pride Alliance and coordinator for the event.

Jim Reid, professor of psychology and instructor of the course "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Identity Development," recalls both the student body and faculty being stunned by the story of Matthew Shepard's death in 1998.

"I think it was a shocking event that reminded all of us just how sick homophobia

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BETA BUBBLES EVERYWHERE!



Richard Juang tests the consistency of the foam outside of the Beta House Friday afternoon. For a complete photo essay of the Beta Bubbles party, see page 8.

Study shows teen substance use goes largely undetected

BY MARLA FRIEDMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Teenager's drug and alcohol use is escaping parents' radar, according to a recent study that compared interviews of nearly 600 pairs of adolescents and their parents.

Laura Jean Bierut, an associate professor of psychiatry, and her colleagues at the Washington University School of Medicine, studied reports of adolescents, ages 12 to 17, and their parents to see how much they agreed on the adolescent's substance use.

Parents were only aware of their children's alcohol use 50 percent of the time, tobacco use 55 percent and marijuana use 47 percent of the time. With harder drugs such as cocaine or methamphetamine, parents were only in tune with their children's use one-fourth of the time.

the time.

Although the study only focused on adolescents, it can also be used to extrapolate findings on the nature of communication between college students and their parents.

"Many parents of college-aged students will expect their child to use, but they may not know what they're using or if there are any problems," said Bierut.

This lack of knowledge stems from limited communication between parents and children beginning at a young age. Bierut explained that parents must set a trend for open communication in their household early on in their children's lives.

"We realize that kids are initiating alcohol, smoking and drug use at a fairly young age, so we have to start the conversations at a young age," said Bierut.

"Kids are not coming home and saying, 'Hi Mom, I use alcohol.' Parents have to talk to their kids and ask these questions."

The worrisome aspect of the study is that parents were even less informed about their younger kids, and there's very good evidence that the younger you are when you start using, the more likely you are to develop an addiction. The group that is at the highest risk for developing addictions has the least aware parents."

Bierut's work was part of a larger study across the United States on the genetics of alcoholism. The study sought to determine whether parents with a history of substance dependence are more or less sensitive to a child's alcohol use. Bierut's results remain constant regardless of age.

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Energy Week mixes conservation with W.I.L.D.

BY SAM GUZIK
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

As students across campus prepare for W.I.L.D. this weekend, members of the Committee for Environmental Quality (CEQ) prepare to bring their message of conservation and sustainability to the festivities through a weeklong event known as "Energy Week."

CEQ has planned events throughout the upcoming week including a film festival highlighting environmental and energy issues and a light-bulb exchange program. The week will culminate in an "eco-village" at W.I.L.D.

Senior Jonathan Lane, chairman of CEQ, explained that this event comes as part of a "huge increase in attention to energy issues and global warming (both on campus and nationally)." See ENERGY WEEK, page 2

Bruce Backus, assistant vice chancellor for environment, health and safety, added that Energy Week is consistent with the Washington University vision of "improving all aspects of environmental stewardship at the University" and becoming more aware of our impact on the environment.

According to CEQ member Erin Robinson, a graduate student in environmental engineering, the upcoming Energy Week is an attempt to "go beyond (distributing recycling bins) and teach at a grassroots level."

The efforts to create powerful programming were fostered by collaboration with the National Energy Star's "Change a Light Campaign," the cooperation of the local Sierra Club chapter, and Guster's history of



A recent Medical School study shows that only about half of parents are aware of their teen's alcohol or drug use.

Soccer match up against Emory



The men's and women's soccer teams look on UAA final Emory at Francis Field on Saturday. Read about the results in Sports, Page 5

1990s fads for the ages



Everybody remembers Tomagotchis, those magical virtual pets that mystified the pre-teen nation of the mid-1990s. Read all about the 90s fads we loved so much. Scene, Page 10

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Local elections 101: voter registration

BY ELLEN JONES
STAFF REPORTER

With the deadline to register for Missouri's midterm election less than ten days away, it's become increasingly important to raise student awareness of issues and procedures surrounding the upcoming election.

As such, both the College Democrats and College Republicans have been heavily involved in campus preparations for the Nov. 7 election and Oct. 11 registration deadline.

"We have been doing a lot of canvassing and phone banks for [Senatorial Candidate] Claire McCaskill as well as some other candidates," said sophomore Sophie Cohen, treasurer of College Democrats.

"This past Tuesday we had the Chief of Staff for Congressman William Lacy Clay and Missouri State Senator Jeff Smith come talk to us, too."

The College Republicans have been similarly active. "We're going around the com-

munity, not just on campus, to get information out about [Senatorial Candidate] Jim Talent," said junior Sam Gittle, treasurer for College Republicans. "There's been a strong Republican effort to get the word out before the election."

Both organizations emphasize the importance of the Senatorial race. Its outcome will help determine which party will win the majority in the House of Representatives. "It's one of the top six races in the country," added junior Stacey Goodwin, president of College Republicans. "Claire McCaskill is a tough opponent for Jim Talent and the Republican seat is very threatened right now."

"We're talking about close elections," said Randall Calvert, professor of public affairs and political science.

"The most important local races are the Senate race and the attorney general race. Students would vote differently than the general public, and that makes a big difference."

Voting eligibility requirements for this election remain the same as in previous elections, despite the recent efforts of some key political players in the state.

A proposal requiring all Missouri voters to present government-issued photo identification was declared unconstitutional by a Missouri judge on Sept. 14. However, residents of other states may soon find themselves adjusting to new legislation, as similar photo ID battles are being fought elsewhere, including Arizona and Michigan.

In order to register to vote in St. Louis, you must be at least 18 years of age and have proof of residence in St. Louis County. Proof of address comes in many forms, including a copy of a recent bank statement or a utility bill.

Voter registration forms are available at public libraries and post offices, but are also downloadable at www.stlouiscosoc.org/elections.

Missouri Young Voter Turnouts

| 2006 | Age 18 to 29 | Age 30+ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Number of citizens eligible to vote | 921,000 | 3,300,000 |

2002 (last midterm election)

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Number of votes cast | 211,000 | 1,900,000 |
| Citizen voter turnout rate | 26 percent | 59 percent |
| Share of all voters | 10 percent | 90 percent |

• Missouri ranked 16th overall in young voter turnout in the 2002 midterm election

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environmental activism. Robinson hopes that the excitement surrounding W.L.L.D. will connect with energy awareness.

"We hope to raise education and awareness about environmental issues and show that small efforts—like changing a light bulb—can make a difference," said Robinson.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, CEQ representatives will be in the Mallinckrodt Center to kick off their publicity campaign and to exchange light bulbs. As part of the national campaign, students' standard incandescent light bulbs will be replaced with energy efficient fluorescent bulbs.

The 60-watt fluorescent bulbs were donated to CEQ by Neptun Light, Inc. The old incandescent bulbs will be given to the organization Leftovers,

Inc. for an art project intended to stay on campus.

That night, the programming continues with a film festival co-sponsored by the Eastern Missouri Sierra Club. The films range from comedies like "Earth to America" to documentaries like "French Fries to Go," "Kilowatt Ours" and Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth."

Lane stressed the importance of seeing "An Inconvenient Truth," saying, "It is such an important film, and a film worth seeing on the big screen."

Following the film Sierra Club member Jill Miller and University professors will answer audience questions. Energy Week activities will be open to all students and faculty, as well as members of the larger St. Louis community.

The main Energy Week event

will be the eco-village, open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Brookings Quad on Saturday.

The village will include representatives from the Missouri Public Interest Research Group (MoPIRG), Sierra Club, St. Louis is Bioregional club and RevsR, Guster's environmental non-profit organization that toured with the group throughout summer.

CEQ is a University-wide committee of faculty, students and staff that strives to promote learning and activism about the environment. Committee members are appointed by the Chancellor's Office.

Last semester, CEQ installed six solar panels on top of Old Library and helped increase University participation in the annual RecycleMania competition. For more information, visit ceq.wustl.edu.

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regardless of the parent's own history of substance abuse, a finding that highlights the importance of talking directly to children about their drug and alcohol use.

Dr. Alan Glass, director of health services, said that data from the National College Health Assessment two years ago showed that drug and alcohol use at the University is very comparable to use on other college campuses. Still, that does not indicate that parents are always aware when their children need help.

Parents at the University have called in to express their concerns and ask about intervention, said Karen Coburn, the assistant vice chancellor for students and the associate dean for freshman transition. The

problem, however, is that these parents are in the minority.

"I would say, in general, that once children go to college, most parents only know what their children tell them, so I think it's very easy for a parent to be caught off guard."

Like Berut, she feels that parents must be the ones to initiate conversations with their children about drugs and alcohol.

"I think the most important thing we can do is to be honest with parents that this is an issue we're concerned about, encourage them to talk to their daughters and sons before they leave for college and give them ideas of how to talk about it. The 'Just say no' approach doesn't work."

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University aims for 1,350 students for 2011

BY SARA RAJARAM
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Washington University is still courting as many students for 2011 as last year, despite 100 more acceptances from the class of 2010 than anticipated. The class of 2010 has approximately 1,450 students.

In past years, the freshman class size ranged between 1,300 and 1,400 students, and the University is hoping that the class of 2011 will fall within this range.

"We don't yet know how many students will apply or how many will be offered admission, but our goal will be to have a class of 1,350 students," said Nanette Tarbouni, director of admissions.

"We had more students

this past May accept our offer of admission than we had anticipated," said Tarbouni. "We were not even able to use the waitlist last year because so many freshmen accepted our offers."

The housing crunch is forcing this year's January Scholars to live in the Village due to the lack of housing on the South 40. Despite the large number of students enrolling in the fall, the size of the January program, approximately 40 students, will remain the same as it has in past years.

As for next year, the University continues to recruit. This past weekend 371 high school students arrived on the Washington University for Discovery Weekend.

"Discovery Weekend is a

visit weekend for prospective students who are interested in learning more about Washington University—staying overnight with current students as their hosts, visiting classes and just spending time with WU students as they learn more about our community and what makes WU special," said Tarbouni.

Prospective freshman Alisa Chen from Atlanta, Ga., said she enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere of the University and plans to apply for fall 2007. Undaunted by the large number of applicants, Chen said she will probably apply regularly as opposed to early decision.

"I want to keep my options open," she said. "It depends where else I get in and where I get the most financial aid."

Breakdown of the Class of 2010

- ◆ The approximately 1,450 first-year students represent approximately 19 countries, 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- ◆ Collectively, the incoming class has received more than 2,500 special awards and recognitions.
- ◆ The freshmen were chosen from a record number of applicants—more than 22,000

- In addition:
- ◆ More than 1,000 students are National Honor Society members
 - ◆ 180 were senior class officers, and 460 were officers in service organizations
 - ◆ Many served as editors—74 of yearbooks and 145 of newspapers
 - ◆ More than 400 were members of their school bands or orchestras and more than 200 were members of a choir or chorus
 - ◆ In athletics, 438 were team captains

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Briefs

NATIONAL

Terror suspects may face less court freedoms

A law proposed in the Senate that would allow terror suspects habeas corpus rights in court was rejected Thursday by a 48-51 vote. However, Bush's new legislation that would allow military commissions to try terror suspects, and bar terror suspects from certain rights normally afforded in civilian courts was passed Wednesday. A number of lawmakers have challenged the new legislation, arguing that President Bush is overstepping the bounds of his power to interrogate terror suspects.

One Colorado teen dead after school hostage situation

On Wednesday, a hostage situation at Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colo., broke down and resulted in SWAT teams storming the building. The 53-year-old gunman, James Morrison, who is believed to have sexually assaulted his hostages, used student Emily Keyes, 16, as a human shield, later shooting and killing her. Morrison shot himself during the raid. No motives were given for Morrison's attacks, and Morrison is not thought to have had any direct connection to the high school. In 1999, two high school students killed twelve other students and a teacher in the Columbine High School shootings.

LOCAL

Study: MBA students cheat most

A recent study found that fifty-six percent of MBA students acknowledged cheating, with fifty-four percent from engineering, forty-eight percent in education and forty-five percent in law school. The two main explanations the study provides are the pressure-cooker atmosphere of the business school that leaves many students willing to compete by any means possible and recent corporate scandals that have distorted many business student's standards. Additionally, the study found that faculties rarely do enough to stop cheating. The survey, conducted from 2002 to 2004, surveyed 5,300 students at 54 institutions.

UNIVERSITY

Washington University sued for illegal bone transplant

Washington University School of Medicine, along with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, is being sued by a patient who claimed that the bone he received during spinal surgery was illegally taken from a corpse and untested for disease. University lawyers claimed they had not seen the suit and had no further comment. A number of biomedical companies and tissue suppliers may also face charges; their spokespersons remained silent or were unavailable for comment. This lawsuit precedes a number of cases and suits involving illegally procured human tissue throughout the nation.

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member of several financial committees, including those at the University of Colorado, the CFA Institute and the New York Stock Exchange. She also chairs the Committee on Investment of Employee Benefit Assets.

Walker graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics and public administration from Miami University of Ohio. She then

received her master's degree in economics from Washington University and an M.B.A. with distinction from the University of Michigan.

Walker was appointed to the position in a process directed by Board of Trustees member John Higgs, former chairman and CEO of TIAA-CREF. Her appointment will be effective Nov. 1.

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makes people. It's a social illness, with real symptoms and real consequences. I think we were all just shocked that in this day and age, someone like Matthew Shepard could be crucified because of his minority status," said Reid. "There was a sense of raised consciousness that we can be better people."

In regards to the highly publicized trial of Matthew Shepard's killers, Reid added, "I think Matthew Shepard's parents were wonderful in being so compassionate to these people that were so sick that they killed their son because he was gay. I thought it was a real model of healing and moving forward in a real positive direction, and I hope we can continue to do that."

Pride Alliance is one of the University's GLBTQIA organizations, and is open to all students. The organization seeks to raise awareness about ho-

mophobia and other prejudice through educational programming.

"By trying to always be a visible presence on campus, we hope to encourage others to also show their support and to build a more significant community of allies and a safer place for GLBTQIA people in general," said Kolb.

Pride Alliance believes prejudice still exists at the University, and that there is much that can be done to make the campus a better and safer place. Kolb urged people to question their negative beliefs and assumptions, to discourage any instances of prejudice and to be a good "ally" by attending Safe Zone workshops.

Currently, the University has both an official anti-discrimination policy and provides domestic partnership benefits to same-sex couples.

"We're a relatively progressive campus," said junior Rachel Meltzer, a counselor for Uncle Joe's.

Shepard and her husband created the Matthew Shepard Foundation in memory of their son. The foundation works to replace hate with understanding and acceptance through education, youth groups, and hate crime legislation.

Doors open for Ms. Shepard's talk at 7 p.m. for students, staff, and faculty, and 7:30 p.m. for the general public.

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SPORTS

Women's soccer defeats Emory in UAA opener

◆ First win over the Golden Eagles since 1997

BY ARDEN FARHI
SPORTS REPORTER

On Saturday, the women's soccer match against Emory University looked more like a game of football than a game of futsal. Rough play on both sides of the ball highlighted a game that the Bears soundly dominated for 90 minutes, defeating the Eagles, 4-0.

The Bears (8-2, 1-0 UAA) had several scoring chances in the first half but were unable to muster a goal. Senior co-captain Meghan Marie Fowler-Finn nearly put the Red and Green ahead, 1-0, just seven minutes into the game, but her shot sailed over the crossbar and out of bounds.

Midway through the period, senior co-captain Talia Bucci was taken to the locker room because of back pain—an injury she sustained after she was hit from behind while jumping for a header.

The Bears' best first-half scoring chance came in the 38th minute. Sophomore Caitlin Malone sent into the box a through ball that appeared to be headed for the back of the net. Her teammate, junior Katie Campos, tried to touch the ball into the corner of the goal but it was deflected by an Emory defender and eventually cleared.

WU controlled the ball for most of the first half despite being held scoreless. The Bears' sophomore forward, 7-2.

Bucci returned in the second half after receiving treatment from the trainer at halftime, and it didn't take long to get her back on track. Five minutes into the second period, Bucci corralled a pass at the top of the box, made a quick move to the right and took a chip shot over the Emory goalkeeper's head to give the Bears a 1-0 lead.

"I didn't think I could get myself set for a shot with my back bothering me," said Bucci, whose goal was her second of the season. "It was an elephant off our backs to get that first one."

The women's team had not scored since the Eagles since



Freshman Becca Heymann tries to maneuver around an Emory defender on Saturday's game at Francis Field. Heymann scored one of Wash. U.'s four goals.

2002, when they lost to Emory, 2-1. No one from the 2002 team is currently on the Bears roster.

Bucci's goal seemed to energize the Bears, who played more physically the rest of the game, winning loose balls and holding off Emory attackers.

Freshman defender Libby Held took a free kick from midfield in the 75th minute that found the feet of classmate Becca Heymann. Emory's Amy Franciscovich blocked Heymann's initial shot from ten yards out. But Heymann was waiting on the doorstep for the rebound and put it past Franciscovich to give Wash. U. a two-goal lead.

Two minutes later, the Bears added another goal. After a scramble on the Emory 18-yard line, the ball squirted out to Heymann. She delivered a pass through the defense to a cutting Kim O'Keefe who easily found the twine.

Emory had a chance late in the second half, but junior goalie Carrie Sear literally and physically knocked down the Eagles' try. Sear came off her line as the ball crossed into

the goal box. As she jumped to cut off the pass attempt, Sear knocked down an Emory forward and secured the ball for Wash. U.

Sear played all 90 minutes and made one save in the shut-out. Her goals-against average dropped to .37 for the season. Up three goals with just over ten minutes to play, the WU offense continued to pressure the Eagles. Held booted a long ball over Emory's back line of defense and it looked like a retreating defender was going to play it easily.

But freshman forward Caryn Rossoff hustled to the ball, knocking it away from two Emory players and leaving her with a one-on-one with the goalie. Rossoff fired to the lower right corner and gave the Bears a 4-0 lead.

"The freshmen have raised our level of play," said head coach Wendy Dillinger. "[Freshman defenders] Cassie [Scamman] and Libby [Held] are playing like seasoned veterans and Caryn [Rossoff] is really crafty with the ball."

With the win, the Bears extended their current winning

streak to six games. The last time WU defeated Emory was in 1997, when the senior class had just begun seventh grade.

"We're stronger all over the field," said Dillinger. "Last year we outshot [Emory] 22-3 and lost. Now we're more composed around the goal and we're putting the ball in the net."

The Bears have scored 31 goals in their first ten games this season. The University's 2005 season total for goals was 32.

"We played how we should play, controlling the ball the whole time," said Fowler-Finn. "We needed something extra today and we got it."

Emory, whose record drops to 5-9 with the loss, took only three shots and one corner kick in the game.

"We lacked a physical presence and lost too many 50-50 balls," said Emory coach Sue Pathberg. "We reacted to their game and didn't set the tone."

Emory leads the all-time series with Wash. U., 14-1. The Bears take on Maryville University tonight on Francis Field. Kickoff is slated for 5 p.m.

Men's soccer loses heartbreaker to rival Emory

BY TRISHA WOLF
SPORTS REPORTER

The Washington University men's soccer team proved that they could play with anyone in the nation on Saturday, but they ultimately fell to ninth-ranked Emory 1-0 in a hard-fought conference opener.

Coach Joe Clarke best described the tone of the contest when he said that "the game would either end in a tie or be decided on one play. The teams were pretty much mirror images of each other."

Emory's Tai Doan scored the game's only goal on a direct kick from fifteen yards out in the sixty-second minute.

Wash. U. outshot the Eagles 7-6 and had many near misses, including shots by junior midfielder Omy Okoroaie in the first half and junior defender Ethan Silver in the second. Other players tried to open the door, as junior forward Marshall Plov and freshman forward John Hengel both had great crosses in the eighteenth and fifty-fourth minute, respectively.

Freshman goalie John Smelcer played another solid game in the net for the hosts. He made two especially spectacular saves, leaping above the pack in the twenty-seventh minute and diving into a pack in the sixty-sixth minute.

The defense, led by Silver and fellow junior Matt Hemphill, played one of their strongest games of the season. They played a key role in making the game a

midfield battle as opposed to letting one team dominate.

"We played great defense the entire way against a good team," said Okoroaie.

Though Clarke was mostly pleased with the level at which his squad competed, he felt that "the team started off tentatively because they thought Emory was a better team. Over the course of the game, they began to realize that they could play with anyone and stopped holding back."

The importance of this game and the rivalry between the two teams was evident throughout the match. Both teams played an extremely aggressive and physical brand of soccer, unwilling to give an inch. Despite refereeing that many players and vocal Bears fans considered questionable, the teams were able to continue to play their game in the style they wanted.

Though the team was obviously disappointed with the game's outcome, they realized just how strong an effort they put forth.

"We played a hard fought game," said Okoroaie. "Sometimes the results do not reflect the performance. Considering that Emory is one of the top ten teams in the country and we were able to compete and put ourselves in a position to win the game, I learned that we really have a team that can do big things this year."

The Red and Green return to action tonight at 7:30 against Maryville University on Francis Field.



Freshman Ryan Grandin battles an Emory player for control of the ball in last Saturday's game. Emory defeated the Bears, 1-0.

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Beware of assumptions

BY TOM BUTCHER
STAFF COLUMNIST

Assumptions are a dangerous thing to make. Conventional wisdom leads us this through the clichés. Often, all that happens when we make an assumption is that we end up dead wrong, a wrong which is all the more hurtful or embarrassing for us having blindly believed it to be true.

But assumptions can be right as well; otherwise, we would never make them. Sometimes they can even act as a security measure—a “gut feeling” that something in a situation is just plain wrong. But, what is a “gut feeling”? I would submit that it is sometimes just a subconscious acknowledgment of stereotypes that have been built

up in us, perhaps unknowingly, perhaps even unwillingly, but nevertheless perpetuated by the society that loves to judge people by the first seven seconds of their acquaintance.

Two weeks ago, I published an article in *StudLife* detailing my simple dislike for clubbing. Not to be confused with my (perhaps contradictory) love of dancing, I rather felt that bars were superior because they offered greater possibilities for conversation. In the following issue of *Student Life*, a letter was published by one Benet Goldstein, which accused me of being both sexist and homophobic. He found the evidence for these insid remarks, for the most part, in the subtext of what I had written—that is, not so much by what I had said, as

by what I had not. This is always dangerous ground to tread on, but I eagerly embarked upon the journey myself. I wrote a scathing rebuttal and submitted it to the paper, and it was published a week ago today. In a brilliantly passive-aggressive manner, I rebutted the claims made by Benet and explained my reasoning more thoroughly. I made explicitly sure to highlight that I was neither sexist nor homophobic. But, I had made an assumption as well. I had assumed that Benet was an asshole, and my letter to the editor drips from every pore with this shallow-minded assumption. But, I thought I was on top of the world. To quote one of my friends, reading my re-butal was an “Oh, SNAP!” moment. I imagined myself to

be involved in some sort of epic battle of right versus wrong and sub-text versus reality. Plus, I thought it was pretty cool that I had stirred up so much controversy with my Freshman Debate on the student newspaper. Then, everything changed.

That evening, I received an email from Benet. I was thinking that perhaps he was trying to confront me in a more direct manner, but I was wrong. Benet had been the bigger man and he wrote me a letter expressing his desire for reconciliation and understanding. He said that his feelings had been hurt by my article and so he had gotten very defensive, but realized that his response had probably hurt my feelings as well. I don't know if that's the quietest assessment,

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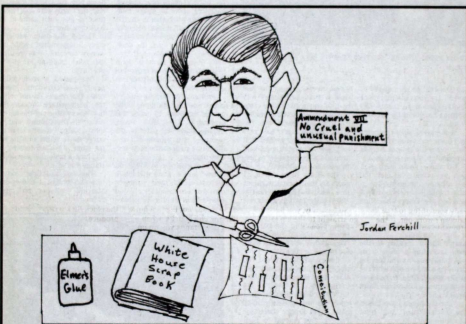
as I was more bemused than anything else, but on some level, he was probably right. In fact, I had been much easier to just assume that this Benet guy was an asshole who was undervaluing a polite response. Now that the truth was out, that Benet was actually nice, I began to wonder who the true asshole was.

As I explained to Benet, I'm not too big on extrapolating small events into gigantic life lessons, but this seems to be the sort of situation that warrants this treatment. I don't want to

try to paint some sort of rose-hispe picture of us no longer making assumptions, and then dancing around them, mango trees with laurels in our hair in our resulting exhalation. That's just not going to happen, as I said towards the beginning of this piece, assumptions can sometimes be both useful and correct. So, I guess my take-home message, if there must be one, is to be careful in the assumptions you make. I mean, Benet thought I was homophobic and I thought he was a common douche bag, but we were both wrong. We had made asses out of both of ourselves.

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Yom Kippur lessons for Israel

BY ALEX FREEDMAN
OP-ED SUBMISSION

Yom Kippur gets a bad rap. Why? The obvious reason is that people don't enjoy fasting. But would they enjoy Yom Kippur even if they could eat?

Four years ago, I spent the year after high school in Israel. There were 22 of us on a program called Nativ. We spent our semester learning in Jerusalem and another semester working on a kibbutz in the south. It's still the best year of my life.

Shortly after we arrived in September, I got to experience the High Holidays in Israeli style. Rosh Hashanah, enjoyed by most American Jews, was predictably wonderful. To my surprise, Yom Kippur was too. The Israelis I was with, it seemed, found the day very meaningful and even celebratory.

They do a few things differently over there.

In short, everybody actually participates.

White shirts and white outfits are worn by all. Little boys running around with their shirts untucked and fathers in tuxedos are seen to shush them—they're all wearing white. This color symbolizes purity, and on this day we Jews seek to remove from ourselves the stains of sins and mistakes. By contrast, here in the United States everyone wears a colored dress or a dark suit. True, the service leader wears a white robe (kittel), but this solo act only further separates the service leader from the community. Israelis participate by all wearing white.

The American service leader is a performer, almost always a good one. But how many American Jews can actually lead the Yom Kippur service? I'm not like everyone reads Hebrew very well and understands every word...like they do in Israel. Over there, the service leader is not specially trained; he or she happens to have a good voice and a firm understanding of the service structure. Knowledge of Hebrew is a given for their leaders and members, since the Israeli service leader can really be anyone, the com-

munity senses that it is being led by one of its own, and not by a hired voice. Israelis participate by understanding every word of the liturgy and by encouraging each other to lead.

One of the most powerful moments in the liturgy, for both those who lead and follow, is often during the Musaf Aleinu. In the United States, the service leader and rabbi fully prostrate themselves on the floor. Just as we do, but all the Israelis used to do in the days of the Temple. In most cases, the leader and rabbi have their moment while everyone watches. But in Israel, everybody shares that moment. They all put their foreheads on the floor for that one line in Aleinu. Israelis participate by fully engaging in the worship service, not just following along.

Finally, the greatest difference between communities comes at the very end of the service. At this time, Americans are likely checking their watches and planning what to do next. I'm guilty of this too. But Israelis begin to sing and dance. I remember them shuffling and clapping to, "Next year in Jerusalem!"

I think it's important to remember that in Jerusalem, nothing could restrain their joy at the end of the long day. Why? The Israelis I was with felt like they had achieved something. They really exerted a lot of effort and concentration all day. They truly believed that their mistakes had been forgiven, that their sins were as white as their shirts. Israelis participate by seeing the day as an opportunity for self-growth.

I'm not trying to shame the American Jewish community. This is my community too, and I'm proud of it. But we have a perspective to gain by looking at how Israel celebrates Yom Kippur. Perhaps if American Jews don't approach the day as a burden but as a serious opportunity for self-improvement, we too can join the celebration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is this a NEWSpaper?

Dear Editor:

This past Wednesday, 10-15 students from the Wash. U. Peace Coalition put up over 2,000 tombstones with the names of Iraqi and American victims of the war in Iraq. We did this to raise awareness of the immense toll of the war, so that students can make informed decisions in the November elections and encourage a peaceful resolution to the conflict with Iran. We were touched to find that so many people on campus were engaged in our display and talked with us about their views on the war. As is often done with news events, we sent out a press release to many local press outlets, including *StudLife*. We were shocked to find that while FOX 2 News and several radio stations found our actions newsworthy, our own campus newspaper covered this event with a picture and a caption and was more inclined to write a front-page article about the lack of rivalry with Emory. It's hard for us to believe that the nonexistent rivalry with Emory is more newsworthy

than campus activist action. The *StudLife* staff is full of talented and capable writers and editors. We'd like to see our student newspaper cover...student news!

—Matt Adler
Class of 2008
Wash. U. Peace Coalition
—Adam Shriver
PNP Graduate Student
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NWC Hurt

Dear Editor:

Saturday night's performance of NWC was honest and fresh on a number of levels. However, in spite of NWC's strengths, the show hurt me. Let me explain. The actor Alan Aschall related his experiences of questioning his own sexuality, whereby he attended a gay club. He told the audience how intimidating it was, and then justified his experience by framing it in a way that reflected his own embarrassment. In spite of the fact that he went there, he was still a "real" man

because he was ashamed to go to a "gay" place. During this tale the audience laughed along with him.

As a gay person, feelings of shame are nothing new to me, but I wasn't laughing with Allan. Why? Because it hurt. I have a hard time understanding that a gay club, one of the rare places where I feel safe and can be myself, can be a source of amusement, if not scorn, for largely straight audiences. It felt horrible to sit there and listen to Alan indirectly label gay clubs as shameful. Gay clubs are created for all people, heterosexual and LGBT alike, as spaces to enjoy.

To hear the voice of an ally during the Q&A, which happened after the show, would have been empowering. Yet, I felt silenced, not only by having to bear the burden of speaking up for fear that people would write me off as the "over-sensitive, angry gay guy," but also because Allan framed gay places, and hence gay people, as objects of ridicule. At the end of a performance designed to confront oppression no less, my boyfriend and I left Edison

Theatre feeling dejected and degraded. Was it really necessary for Allan to prove that he was a "real" man by maintaining that he was ashamed by going to a gay club? What can we do in the future to avoid this troubling situation?

—Benett Goldstein
Class of 2007

Bradley says thank you

Dear Editor:

At all my friends at WU: it's Bradley from the Bear's Den. I want to thank you all for the love and happiness you bring me and I want to thank everyone that buys the sandwiches that I make. This was the only way that I could thank you all. I'm glad to serve you, but even more I'm proud to know you. I love you all.

—Bradley Spates
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Stepping Out

Chris' Pancakes and Dining

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BY MATT KAUFMAN AND
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We wish we could tell you we've found a new delicious breakfast Mecca. We wish we could tell you to drop everything you're doing and get these pancakes—but we can't, or else we'd lose our authority and credibility as Student Life Stepping Out reporters. Chris' Pancakes and Dining is about as exciting as an art history lecture and as memorable as last night's chemistry reading (and chemistry never gave us the runs).

Stepping Out has never featured a review of a breakfast establishment, so we figured we would break new ground. We arrived at Chris' Pancakes, and from the exterior it resembled a dilapidated hotel. The outdoor

patio featured stone benches, similar to those you would find in a park's playground. Inside the restaurant, a not-so-dazzling array of greens and tans covered the dining areas.

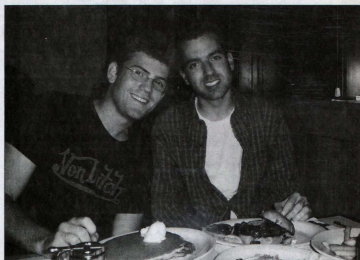
Don't expect a wait if you go here for dinner. On our visit the restaurant was filled to about three percent of its capacity. We sat down at our table and the waitress handed us menus filled with breakfast specials, as well as various nondinner entrées. One of this place's strengths was the breadth of its menu. We decided to try two breakfast entrees and a dinner.

We began with a rather large stack of pancakes. They looked great, but after tasting them we were a bit disappointed. It's hard to describe what makes a tasty pancake, but we can safely say that they should definitely be moist, fluffy and have

the taste of real buttermilk. These flapjacks weren't terrible, but they fell short in all three areas. Along with the pancakes came overcooked scrambled eggs and two strips of bacon that could have been crispier.

Then we tried another breakfast delight—the vegetarian omelette. Our friend who ordered this was not exactly egg-static: The vegetables were not quite at their freshest, tasting something like rubbery goo, and the eggs were bland and runny. Our biggest complaint, however, was the river of grease running out of the omelette like the mighty Mississippi. To our friend who ordered this we extend our apologies. Friends don't let friends order omelettes like these.

Along with the omelette came a pile of hash browns. For lack of a better description, they were a lump of



Matt and Ryan did not get the experience they wanted at Chris' Pancakes and Dining. Save yourself from an awful meal, and go somewhere else.

potato badness. We would recommend avoiding this side dish.

We figured that we ought to branch out a little, so we tried a dinner entrée as well. Once again, we found ourselves uninspired. We sampled one of the restaurant's specialty burgers, which came topped with generous toppings of cheese, onions

and chili. Like most things topped with cheese and chili, it tasted pretty good. But the burger itself was overcooked and had lost all of its juices. The burger came with a heap of french fries, which were hot out of the fryer and turned out to be our favorite part of the meal.

One important part of college is to learn from

your mistakes, and this experience was no different. Specifically, we learned not to return to Chris' Pancakes ever again. As we made our way back to our trusty Volo, our pancakes, omelettes and burgers uneasily acquainted themselves with one another in our bellies. We would not be going back, and we are just fine with that decision.

Romance 101

It's a phenomenon seen in "Friends," Archie comics, "When Harry Met Sally" and so many chick flicks that listing them would take up all the space for this article. It's that day when you turn around to ask your best friend a question and suddenly realize that he or she is the one you should be with.

It can't really be explained, but that moment just hits you when the person you've been best friends with forever transforms and the best friend/turned-boy/friend/girlfriend phenomenon strikes again.

You always think, "That'll never happen to me; I could never see my best friend in that way." But then that fateful day comes when you find yourself imagining kissing them. And when you realize who it is you're daydreaming about, you immediately freak out. You try to brush it off as your mind playing tricks on you, but when you see them the next day at lunch you know it's time for the, "Oh



Laura Alexander

shit, I have a crush on my best friend," moment.

And now, since he can tell when you're stressed with just one glance, you wonder if he has noticed your change in feelings. It's time to think about whether to take action and what would happen if you did.

Starting a relationship with a best friend is completely different than it is with anyone else. Whoever said that the best relationships come out of friendships knew what she was talking about. You already know you can trust the person, he's used to your annoying habits and mood swings during test time and most likely he gets along with your

other friends.

But beware—it's not just a casual "taking the next step" change to your friendship. Carefully consider your decision. Know that you won't have that relaxed tone that comes with the beginning of most relationships. You are starting in a place that takes other couples months to reach.

Because of that, you have a much larger emotional risk in beginning; there's already something to lose if it doesn't work out. If the relationship ends, you won't have your best friend to comfort you and tell you that you'll find someone better—you will have just lost him (at least for awhile).

But if the Chandler/Monica moment has come for you two and you decide that you're willing to accept the consequences, it's time to start thinking about how to make that huge confession. Since starting a relationship with a best friend is different than it is with anyone else, you have to approach it

differently than you usually would. With most romantic interests, you do the classic flirting, maybe hooking up, hanging out on the weekend thing long before you have any kind of big talk.

With a best friend, however, if you started randomly flirting with them they might be a little confused (or not even catch on that you're doing it) and hooking up with a friend before talking about it is usually not the best idea. So basically, you have to go straight to the big talk. Let him know how you're

feeling, and though you don't need to immediately define your relationship, see if he has any interest in introducing a little romance into your friendship.

Try hanging out in a romantic setting, just the two of you, and see if it feels natural. You may realize that you are meant to stay just friends, or you may find yourself in the beginning of a good relationship with an already strong foundation.

So it may not happen quite like the chick flicks, when your date stands you up on

prom night and your best friend is conveniently also dateless so you two have a magical night together. But don't think the best friend transformation phenomenon is only onscreen. When that moment of realization comes, don't pull a Ross and take ten years to tell her how you feel about her. Carefully think about it and then go for it.

Your happy ending may be even better than anything the chick flick writers could produce.

Uh oh, I have a crush on my best friend

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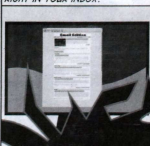
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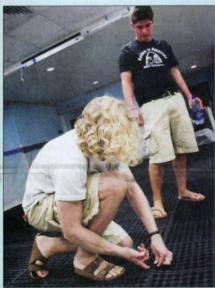
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Beta Bubbles: behind the bash

Almost everyone on campus has been in the Beta Bubbles at some point in their Wash U. career, but few are aware of the work that goes into the party. This year marked the 8th Annual Beta Bubbles Foam Party, which was headed up by co-social chair Jon Chen. Chen, a junior, introduced some changes to years past. Most notable were the use of a legitimate foam solution (as opposed to the combination of dish soap and glycerin that was used in previous years) and the introduction of two newly purchased foam machines. Set up officially began Sunday night, with an unofficial kick-off two days earlier when the machines were tested for the first time. All of the preparation culminated in the Foam Party Friday night, which, according to Chen, had an "overwhelming turnout."



The Brothers tested their new machines and solution in front of their house, much to the amusement of Village residents.



Phil Shotts looks on as Geoffrey Candall lays rubber matting over the floor tarps. The mats, new this year, were intended to lessen the slipperiness of the floor.



The machines are fired up the night of the party.



Beta Brothers file out of the basement carrying all of the rubber matting. Clean up begins immediately after the party ends.

All photos by
David Horstein



Jon Chen connects the attachment to turn the foam machine into the "Canon."



Five minutes later, Beta Brothers enjoy their foam-filled basement.



The Brothers rig up blue drop tarps to protect the walls. The tarps are then tucked under the rubber matting.



Jon Chen inspects the trashcans from which the foam solution is pumped to the machines. Multiple trash cans allowed foam to flow all night.

Expenses for the Beta Foam Party

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| Rubber Mats | \$2,800 |
| Tarps and Plastic Sheeting | \$400 |
| Tape and Rope | \$150 |
| Foam Machines | \$1,500 |
| Foam Solution | \$500 |
| Hoses | \$100 |
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Level: 1 2 3 4
 Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

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 16 Take it easy
 17 Headliner
 18 No later than
 19 Bear dad
 20 Actress Sara
 21 Candidate for cement boots
 23 Coffee server
 24 Major aluminum producer
 26 Chattered
 28 Final
 33 Faulty
 34 Holiday harmonizer
 36 Cancun cash
 37 Hornburg or fedora
 40 Discontinuity
 42 Male offspring
 43 Actor Aida
 45 Scared seal
 47 Muddle
 49 Foundry
 53 Group of seven
 55 Chris of tennis
 56 Actress Ballin
 57 Thumbs down on both
 60 Black goo
 63 Actor Diggs
 65 Angler's basket
 66 H.H. Munro
 67 Shoshones
 68 Damages
 69 Grp. with energy
 70 Saucy and spirited
 71 Shoot from shelter
 72 Camp shelter

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 1 Drenary
 2 5th-century leader
 3 Newton and Asimov
 4 Isr. neighbor
 5 Champagne designation
 6 Vegas rival
 7 Choral voice
 8 Colorado resort
 9 Eurasian primrose
 10 Avant-garde French sculptor
 11 Pretty ones
 12 Coffee choice
 13 Insists upon observance of
 14 Anwar of Egypt
 22 Period
 25 Pharmacy abbr.
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 29 Garden dancy
 30 Actress Marisa
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 32 Conversation starter
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Scene

I Love the '90s

Fads from the decade that we all know and love

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For many of us, the 1990s presented the pinnacle for everything pop culture and entertainment. When we were young and carefree, our days were spent with our friends partaking in fads of all kinds. Whether you were the quiet kid or the kid who always had the latest and coolest gadget, there were so many fads everywhere that simply every kid found a niche.

When you think about the '90s, it's practically impossible to overlook the crazes that swept the nation, like the rise of classic bubblegum pop and undeniably intriguing (and extremely annoying) gadgets and toys like virtual pets and Beanie Babies.

So take a seat and read on for a trip down memory lane as we look at a few favorite fads from a truly remarkable decade.

Tamagotchis/insert other annoying virtual pet here

Time Frame: 1994-1997

The rise of virtual pets during the 1990s was something that every student remembers. In fact, these virtual pets were more than mere toys—they were status symbols, advanced gadgets that helped to define a kid. For many students with first-time boyfriends/girlfriends and fake rings and other normal objects used to display affection were ignored. Instead, enter Tamagotchis. Boys that were lucky enough to have extra Tamagotchis would often give them to their first girlfriends and vice versa.

Without a doubt, it was a big deal—a very big deal. At a time when stores were constantly selling off of the little electronic playthings, it was inconceivable and even ridiculous to think that, in a short matter of time, Tamagotchis would be outdated, thrown away, sold on eBay for a penny and ultimately, just another thing of the past. Still, in the years 1996 and 1997, Tamagotchis were all the rage for students like Sarah Johnson.

"I was lucky enough to have



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four of them. I only bought one myself, the rest I received as gifts," said sophomore Sarah Johnson.

"In school, people would always look after them in class. Actually, kids looked after them more than they did with their own real pets. I remember girls cried when their Tamagotchis would die; it was very dramatic. After kids got tired of them, they would just purposely try to kill them. Boys also played with them, but just in private. When kids would have big collections of Tamagotchis, they would often carry them around on one big keychain—we all thought we were really cool."

And clearly, at the time, we all were.

Pogs

Time Frame: 1991–mid 1995

Said to have originated in Hawaii during the 1920s, Pogs resurfaced in the States in the early 1990s, targeting mostly young children and pre-teens. Pogs could either be played as a game or just traded and collected as individual pieces (caps), depending on the preference of the gamer. Each pog, or cap, featured a picture or a popular cartoon character. In fact, pogs are seen as the first major fad of the 1990s, with its popularity tapering off by the middle of the decade.

Senior Kim Claggett was one student who was particularly affected by the pog craze.

"Pogs were the most awesome things ever," said Claggett. "I used

to have huge cases full of them, and my sisters and I would play them with our friends. I remember going shopping with my mom for them all the time. I would play with them at school and trade them with my friends. In particular, I remember the Slammer pog, which was the special one. I actually still have them today."

Pogs would often be played at school, causing them to actually become banned from schools in different areas across the United States. Pogs' popularity began to diminish, however, as the decade progressed, and by 1995 pogs were no longer being traded nor played.



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Beanie Babies

Time Frame: 1993-1996

During the earlier part of the decade, a form of stuffed animals filled with plastic beans made its way into the American marketplace. These beanbag-like stuffed animals came to be known as Beanie Babies, a fad that dominated a good chunk of the decade.

Even as the original Beanie Babies were fading, McDonald's had the "creative" idea to create yet another obsessive fad by introducing miniature Beanie Babies in its Happy Meals. Kids and adults alike consumed massive amounts of fried food just to get these collectibles. Parents would stand in long lines to get new shipments for their kids or for themselves, hoping to make a killing on eBay in the future.

During their peak, Beanie Babies were all the rage for students like

sophomore Hillary Voth.

"I received them mostly as presents from my parents and other relatives," reminisced Voth. "My parents always told me never to take off the tags, which was like the worst thing that you could ever do to a Beanie Baby. I used to keep them in my closet, but many of my friends and fellow classmates would bring them to school to show them off. Nowadays, all of my Beanie Babies are hidden under my bed somewhere."

These infectious animals found their place in millions of kids' homes during the 1990s. They can now be found in bargain bins at toy stores, but some especially loved babies are still being kept as keepsake items.



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Boy Bands

Time Frame: 1996-1999

Although we may not want to truly admit it, the popularity of boy bands during the mid-to-late '90s was a part of daily life. In a time when we were all approaching and dealing with the trials and tribulations of puberty and adolescence, many students remember finding comfort and solace in the simple harmonies of these boy bands.

In a way, these boy bands helped to create an escape from the sometimes-harsh reality of middle school and stressful teenage years. Bands such as the Backstreet Boys and "N Sync seemed to pervade music channels like MTV and VH1, and some days it seemed like the only music videos in rotation were those coming from these boy bands.

For many students, the first CDs that we ever purchased on our own were the debut albums of the Backstreet Boys, 98 Degrees, Savage Garden and "N Sync. For students like sophomore Ashley Slaughter, many days in elementary and middle school were spent lingering over the latest boy bands.

"In school, every teenage girl had her locker decorated with pictures and posters of various boy bands," recalled Slaughter.

Moreover, many Wash. U. students remember going to their first-ever concerts to see these boy bands.

"My first concert that I went to was the Backstreet Boys," said sophomore Sarah Podolsky. "I was really excited at the time."

Retrospectively, it is sometimes difficult to understand how kids actually liked boy bands, but for many teenagers growing up during the '90s, boy bands represented something simple, constant and fun. These fads are just a few that swept the nation during the 1990s, providing kids and pre-teens with hours of entertainment and fun on a regular basis. For many of us, these fads were not only fun, but they were also a way of escaping the inevitability of growing up.

Nowadays, students reflect on these fads and often relive their youth by cranking up the boy band music during homework slumps or discussing how these Beanie Baby empires were greater. We like to reflect on how these fads helped to define us or just, as you know, make us look cool.

Goosebumps Book Series

Time Frame: 1992-1997

Man, that R.L. Stine sure was a terrific guy. With classic titles like, "Welcome to Dead House," "Stay Out of the Basement" and "Monster Blood," no one can deny the sheer genius that was Goosebumps. Spin-off series such as Goosebumps 2000, parodies such as "Goosebumps" and the popular "Fear Street" series (also written by Stine) that was targeted towards older teenagers also came to dominate the '90s and all reflected the huge success of the original series. The series proved to be so popular that a television show based on the series was created, which also managed to garner much success and attention from both kids and pre-teens alike. Everyone seems to remember Goosebumps, and their surprise endings, and everyone certainly had a personal favorite from the series. For senior Lolu Aderanju, the Goosebumps series brings back

many positive memories.

"I thought the Goosebumps series was great," said Aderanju. "All my friends used to read them. My favorite book was about an evil dummy. When I got a little older, I also used to read the Fear Street series, which was darker and, at the time, very intense. I stopped reading Goosebumps when the 15th book in the series came out—by that time, it was just too much."

Similarly, junior Chris Riba also had fond memories of the series. "I started reading Goosebumps in second grade until the end of elementary school, which is when I turned to the Fear Street series," said Riba. "I liked them because they got me reading, but in retrospect they're a little trashy. Still, I was obsessed with Goosebumps." For many of us, Goosebumps was the first time we actually had fun reading.